

REMARKS

The specification has been amended as needed so as to take care of the matter referred to by the Examiner in the Official Action.

The claims have also been amended as to form.

It is noted that claims 2-7 received no rejection other than formal. It is accordingly believed that the Examiner recognizes those claims as embodying unobvious subject matter; and applicants agree.

Accordingly, the limitations of claim 2 have been added to claim 1 thereby presumably placing claim 1 in condition for allowance, and with it the claims that depend therefrom. Of course, claim 2 is canceled as redundant of amended claim 1.

The form and dependency of retained claims 3-11 have been suitably changed, and claims 12-16 are canceled.

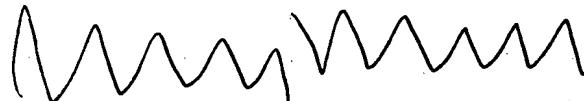
In view of the fact that no reference was applied against the claims as now constituted, it is not believed to be necessary to discuss the prior art at this time.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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